policy is being followed to ensure that the fiats in comparatively less popular localities do not remain vacant for unduly long period due to non-acceptance. As the existing policy has been framed in the larger interest of eligible Govt, employees, no change in the policy is contemplated.

Allotment of Palmolein to Kerala

1121. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the allotment of Palmolein to Kerala has been drastically reduced with effect from December, 1990;

(b) if so, the details of the allotment made from September, 1990 onwards to the State;

(c) whether Government are aware that Palmolein is being distributed through Ration Cards in the State and at least 5000 MT of Palmolein is required to distribute it at the rate of 1 kg. per card per month; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to increase the Palmolein allotment to the State?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAO BIREN-DRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The details of allotment made to Kerala from September, 1990 onwards are:

Month	Allocation (In MTs)
September, 1990	5, 000
October, 1990	6, 000
November, 1990	4, 000
December, 19901 January, 1991 J	Due to non-availa-*biliiy* of adequate stock, no allocation was made to any State/UT during these months.
February, 1991	1, 200

(c) and (d) Allocation of imported edible oil through PDS is to supplement the availability of indigenous oils. Allocation of imported edible oils to States UTs is made taking into account the stock of imported edible oil available with the Government inter-se requirements of States/UTs, market availability etc.

Release of rationed quota of F. P. S. In Delhi

1122. SHRI CHATURANAN MISH-RA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Fair Price shops in Laxmi Nagar and Nand Nagri are not given their full quota of rationed articles according to number of ration card holders registered with F. P. shops; whether this results in denial of rationed articles from these shops to those who go to purchase during the later part of the month;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) since when supplies have been reduced to the said F. P. shops and policy in this regard; and

(d) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a complaint published in 'Patriot' of 25th February, 1991 in this regard; if so, the steps taken thereon?